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*Approximation de problèmes de contrôle optimal gouvernés
par des inéquations variationnelles*

**Approximating optimal control problems
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RÉSUMÉ

On introduit un algorithme pour la résolution de problèmes de contrôle optimal gouvernés par des inéquations variationnelles elliptiques. On donne quelques applications et exemples numériques.

ABSTRACT

It is proposed an approximating method for optimal control problems governed by elliptic variational inequalities. Some applications and numerical examples are treated.

MOTS CLÉS

Contrôle optimal, inéquations variationnelles, algorithme pour la résolution.

KEY WORDS

Optimal control, variational inequalities, approximating method.

1. INTRODUCTION

Consider the optimal control problem

$$(1.1) \quad \min_{u \in U} \{g(y) + h(u) ; Ay + \partial\varphi(y) \ni Bu + f\},$$

where

- (i) A is a single valued maximal monotone operator in a real Hilbert space H and $\partial\varphi : H \rightarrow H$ is the subdifferential of a lower semicontinuous convex function $\varphi : H \rightarrow \overline{\mathbf{R}} =]-\infty, +\infty]$. Moreover, there exists $C \in \mathbf{R}$ such that

$$(1.2) \quad \varphi((I + \lambda A)^{-1}y) \leq \varphi(y) + C\lambda \quad \forall y \in H, \forall \lambda > 0.$$

Here $A_\lambda = \lambda^{-1}(I - (I + \lambda A)^{-1})$ is the Yosida approximation of A (see e.g. [2], [4]).

- (ii) A^{-1} is compact, i.e., for any sequence $[y_n, z_n] \in A$ such that $\{z_n\}$ is bounded in H , $\{y_n\}$ is compact in H .
 (iii) $g : H \rightarrow \overline{\mathbf{R}}$ and $h : U \rightarrow \overline{\mathbf{R}}$ are convex, lower semicontinuous, $g(y) \geq C \quad \forall y \in H$ and

$$(1.3) \quad h(u) \geq \gamma|u|_U + C \quad \forall u \in U$$

for some $\gamma > 0$.

- (iv) B is a linear continuous operator from a real Hilbert space U to H and $f \in H$.

We have denoted by $|\cdot|$ and $|\cdot|_U$ the norm of H and U , respectively. The scalar products in H and U will be denoted by (\cdot, \cdot) and $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$, respectively.

Following an idea developed in [3] we shall approximate here problem (1.1), which under our assumptions has at least one solution (y^*, u^*) by the following one

$$(1.4) \quad \min \left\{ g(y) + h(u) + \frac{1}{\varepsilon} (\varphi(y) + \varphi^*(v) - (y, v)) ; \right. \\ \left. Ay = Bu - v + f ; u \in U, v \in H \right\},$$

where $\varphi^* : H \rightarrow H$ is the conjugate of φ , i.e

$$(1.5) \quad \varphi^*(v) = \sup \{ (y, v) - \varphi(y) ; y \in H \}, \quad \forall v \in H.$$

The convergence of this approximating process and the numerical implementation of the resulting algorithm in the case of an optimal control problem governed by the obstacle problem associated with the loaded beam represent much of the substance of this paper.

2. EXISTENCE AND CONVERGENCE OF THE APPROXIMATING PROBLEM

We shall prove here the following result.

THEOREM 1. *For every $\varepsilon > 0$ problem (1.4) has at least one solution $(y_\varepsilon, v_\varepsilon, u_\varepsilon) \in H \times H \times U$. The set $\{(y_\varepsilon, v_\varepsilon, u_\varepsilon)\}_{\varepsilon > 0}$ is compact in $H \times H_w \times U_w$ and every limit point (y^*, v^*, u^*) for $\varepsilon \rightarrow 0$ is a solution to problem (1.1). Moreover,*

$$(2.1) \quad \lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0} (g(y_\varepsilon) + h(u_\varepsilon)) = \inf \{g(y) + h(u) ; Ay + \partial\varphi(y) \ni Bu + f ; u \in U\}.$$

Here H_w and U_w are the spaces H and U endowed with the weak topology.

PROOF: Let

$$(2.2) \quad d = \inf \left\{ g(y) + h(u) + \frac{1}{\varepsilon} (\varphi(y) + \varphi^*(v) - (y, v)) ; \right. \\ \left. Ay = Bu - v + f, \quad u \in U, v \in H \right\}.$$

(We note that by assumption (ii) the equation $Ay \ni w$ has for every $w \in H$ at least one solution.) It is readily seen that $d > -\infty$. Now let (y_n, u_n, v_n) be such that

$$d \leq g(y_n) + h(u_n) + \frac{1}{\varepsilon} (\varphi(y_n) + \varphi^*(v_n) - (y_n, v_n)) \leq d + \frac{1}{n}.$$

By assumption (iii), $\{u_n\}$ is bounded in U and so on a subsequence, again denoted n ,

$$u_n \longrightarrow u_\varepsilon \quad \text{weakly in } U.$$

On the other hand, by (1.5) we have

$$\varphi^*(v_n) \geq -\varphi(y) + (v_n, y) \quad \forall y \in H$$

and therefore

$$g(y_n) + h(u_n) \leq d + \frac{1}{n}; \quad \varphi(y_n) + (v_n, y - y_n) - \varphi(y) \leq C.$$

For $y = (I + \varepsilon A)^{-1} y_n$ we get in virtue of hypothesis (1.2)

$$-(v_n, A_\varepsilon y_n) \leq C$$

and therefore

$$(Ay_n, A_\varepsilon y_n) \leq C |A_\varepsilon y_n| \quad \forall \varepsilon > 0$$

and by the monotonicity of A this implies that

$$|A_\varepsilon y_n| \leq C \quad \forall n, \varepsilon > 0.$$

Finally, it follows that

$$|Ay_n| \leq C \quad \forall n.$$

Here $\{v_n\}$ is bounded in H and so on a subsequence, we have

$$\begin{aligned} v_n &\longrightarrow v_\epsilon && \text{weakly in } H, \\ y_n &\longrightarrow y_\epsilon && \text{strongly in } H, \\ Ay_n &\longrightarrow Ay_\epsilon && \text{weakly in } H. \end{aligned}$$

Then letting n tend to $+\infty$ in (2.1) we get that $(y_\epsilon, u_\epsilon, v_\epsilon)$ is a solution to (1.4).

Next we have

$$g(y_\epsilon) + h(u_\epsilon) \leq g(y^*) + h(u^*) \quad \forall \epsilon > 0$$

and

$$(2.3) \quad \varphi(y_\epsilon) + \varphi^*(v_\epsilon) - (y_\epsilon, v_\epsilon) \leq C\epsilon \quad \forall \epsilon > 0,$$

where (y^*, u^*) is a solution to problem (1.1).

We have therefore

$$\varphi(y_\epsilon) - \varphi(y) + (y - y_\epsilon, v_\epsilon) \leq C\epsilon \quad \forall y \in H$$

and for $y = (I + n^{-1}A)^{-1}y_\epsilon$ we get letting $n \rightarrow +\infty$

$$-(Ay_\epsilon, v_\epsilon) \leq C \quad \forall \epsilon > 0.$$

Then multiplying the equation $Ay_\epsilon = Bu_\epsilon - v_\epsilon + f$ by Ay_ϵ we get

$$(2.4) \quad |Ay_\epsilon| \leq C \quad \forall \epsilon > 0.$$

Hence $\{y_\epsilon\}$, $\{u_\epsilon\}$ and $\{v_\epsilon\}$ are bounded. Moreover by assumption (ii) we know that $\{y_\epsilon\}$ is compact in H . We have therefore shown that $\{(y_\epsilon, v_\epsilon, u_\epsilon)\}$ is compact in $H \times H_w \times U_w$. Let $\{\epsilon_n\} \rightarrow 0$ be such that

$$\begin{aligned} y_{\epsilon_n} &\longrightarrow \bar{y} && \text{strongly in } H, \\ u_{\epsilon_n} &\longrightarrow \bar{u} && \text{weakly in } U, \\ v_{\epsilon_n} &\longrightarrow \bar{v} && \text{weakly in } H. \end{aligned}$$

Then by (2.3) we see that

$$\varphi(\bar{y}) + \varphi^*(\bar{v}) - (\bar{y}, \bar{v}) = 0$$

i.e., $\bar{v} \in \partial\varphi(\bar{y})$. Since $g(\bar{y}) + h(\bar{u}) \leq g(y^*) + h(u^*) = \inf (1.1)$ we conclude that (\bar{y}, \bar{u}) is optimal in problem (1.1). It is also clear that $g(y_\epsilon) + h(u_\epsilon) \rightarrow \inf (1.1)$ thereby completing the proof. ■

3. FIRST ORDER NECESSARY CONDITIONS OF OPTIMALITY FOR PROBLEM (1.4)

We shall assume here that W is a reflexive Banach space such that $W \subset H \subset W'$ algebraically and topologically where W' is the dual of W and the injection of W to H is compact.

Let A be a continuously differentiable monotone operator from W to W' and denote again A the operator $A_H : D(A) \subset H \rightarrow H$ defined by

$$A_H y = Ay \quad \forall y \in D(A) = \{y \in W ; Ay\}$$

We will also assume that

$$(3.1) \quad (Ay, y) \geq w\|y\|^p + C \quad \forall y \in W, \quad p \geq 2,$$

$$(3.2) \quad A^{-1} \text{ is compact from } H \text{ to } W,$$

$$(3.3) \quad (A_y(y)p, p) \geq w_0\|p\|^2 \quad \forall p \in W,$$

where A_y is the Fréchet (Gâteaux) derivative of $A \in C^1(W, W')$ and $\|\cdot\|$ is the norm of W .

It is clear that if (1.2) holds then $A = A_H$ satisfies assumptions (i) and (ii). We shall also assume that assumptions (iii) and (iv) are satisfied and g is finite on H .

THEOREM 2. *Let $(y^*, u^*, v^*) \in W \times U \times H$ be optimal in problem (1.4). Then there exists $p \in W$ such that*

$$(3.4) \quad -(A_y(y^*))^* p \in \partial g(y^*) + \varepsilon^{-1}(\partial^* \varphi(y^*) - v^*),$$

$$(3.5) \quad 0 \in \varepsilon p + \partial \varphi^*(v^*) - y^*,$$

$$(3.6) \quad B^* p \in \partial h(u^*).$$

Here $(A_y)^*$ is the adjoint of A_y and $\partial g : H \rightarrow H$, $\partial \varphi^* : H \rightarrow H$, $\partial h : U \rightarrow U$ are the subdifferentials of g , φ^* and h , respectively.

$\partial^* \varphi : W \rightarrow W'$ is the subdifferential of φ viewed as a function from W to \bar{R} , i.e.

$$(3.7) \quad \partial^* \varphi(y) = \{w \in W' ; \varphi(y) \leq \varphi(z) + (w, y - z) \quad \forall z \in W\}.$$

We note that $\partial^* \varphi$ is an extension of $\partial \varphi$.

PROOF: We follow the standard arguments (see e.g. [1], [2]).

Consider the approximating problem

$$(3.8) \quad \min \left\{ g_\lambda(y) + h(u) + \frac{1}{\varepsilon}(\varphi_\lambda(y) + (\varphi_\lambda)^*(v) - (y, v)) + \frac{1}{2}(\|u - u^*\|_U^2 + \|v - v^*\|^2) ; \right. \\ \left. Ay = Bu - v + f, \quad u \in U, \quad v \in H, \quad y \in W \right\},$$

where g_λ and φ_λ are the regularizations of g and φ (see [2, pp. 121]).

Problem (3.8) has at least one solution and for $\lambda \rightarrow 0$ we have (see e.g. [1], [2])

$$(3.9) \quad \begin{aligned} u_\lambda &\longrightarrow u^* && \text{strongly in } U, \\ v_\lambda &\longrightarrow v^* && \text{strongly in } H, \\ Ay_\lambda &\longrightarrow Ay^* && \text{strongly in } H, \\ y_\lambda &\longrightarrow y^* && \text{strongly in } H, \text{ and weakly in } W. \end{aligned}$$

On the other hand, since A , g_λ and φ_λ are differentiable we get for problem (3.8) the optimality system

$$(3.10) \quad -A_y^*(y_\lambda)p_\lambda = \nabla g_\lambda(y_\lambda) + \frac{1}{\varepsilon}(\partial\varphi_\lambda(y_\lambda) - v_\lambda),$$

$$(3.11) \quad y_\lambda - \varepsilon p_\lambda \in \partial\varphi_\lambda^*(v_\lambda) \iff v_\lambda \in \partial\varphi_\lambda(y_\lambda - \varepsilon p_\lambda),$$

$$(3.12) \quad \beta^* p_\lambda \in \partial h(u_\lambda).$$

Multiplying equation (3.10) by p_λ and using condition (3.2) we get that $\{p_\lambda\}$ is bounded in W because ∇g_λ is uniformly bounded on bounded subsets and $\partial\varphi_\lambda$ is monotone. Hence on a subsequence, again denoted λ we have

$$\begin{aligned} p_\lambda &\longrightarrow p && \text{weakly in } W, \text{ strongly in } H, \\ A_y^*(y_\lambda)p_\lambda &\longrightarrow A_y^*(y^*)p && \text{weakly in } W', \\ \nabla g_\lambda(y_\lambda) &\longrightarrow \xi \in \partial g(y^*) && \text{weakly in } H, \\ \nabla\varphi_\lambda(y_\lambda) &\longrightarrow \eta \in \partial^*\varphi(y^*) && \text{weakly in } W', \end{aligned}$$

and so system (3.4)–(3.6) follows letting λ tend to zero in (3.10)–(3.12).

We note that if

$$\varphi(\text{Proj}_{\frac{y}{D(A)}}) \leq \varphi(y) \quad \forall y \in H$$

and

$$(3.13) \quad (A^0 y, (\partial\varphi)_\lambda y) \geq 0 \quad \forall y \in D(A), \quad \lambda > 0$$

then assumption (1.2) holds, i.e.

$$\varphi((I + \lambda A)^{-1} y) \leq \varphi(y) \quad \forall y \in D(A)$$

(see e.g. [4]). Thus, the previous results are in particular applicable to optimal control problems governed by variational inequality

$$(3.14) \quad \begin{aligned} -\text{div } a(\nabla y) &= Bu + f \quad \text{in } \{x \in \Omega ; y(x) > \psi\}, \\ -\text{div } a(\nabla y) &\geq Bu + f, \quad y \geq \psi \quad \text{a.e. in } \Omega, \\ y &= 0 \quad \text{in } \partial\Omega, \end{aligned}$$

where $\psi \leq 0$ is a constant, Ω is an open, bounded subset of \mathbb{R}^N with a sufficiently smooth boundary and $a : \mathbb{R}^N \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^N$ is a continuous, differentiable, monotone mapping such that

$$(3.15) \quad \begin{aligned} (a(\xi), \xi) &\geq w \|\xi\|_N^p + C \quad \forall \xi \in \mathbb{R}^N, \\ \|a(\xi)\|_N &\leq C_1 \|\xi\|_N^{p-1} + C_2 \quad \forall \xi \in \mathbb{R}^N, \end{aligned}$$

$$(3.16) \quad (a'(\xi)y, y) \geq w_0 \|y\|_N^2 \quad \forall y, \xi \in \mathbb{R}^N.$$

(Here $\|\cdot\|_N$ is the Euclidean norm in \mathbb{R}^N .) Then Eq. (3.14) can be written in the form

$$Ay + \partial\varphi(y) \ni Bu + f,$$

where $A = -\operatorname{div} a(\nabla y)$, $W = W_0^{1,p}(\Omega)$, $H = L^2(\Omega)$ and

$$\varphi(y) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } y(x) \geq \psi \quad \text{a.e. } x \in \Omega \\ +\infty & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

It is readily seen that condition (3.13) holds in this case.

We note also that in the particular case where $\varphi = I_K$ (the indicator function of closed convex subset K of H) problem (1.4) becomes

$$\min_{y \in K, u \in U} \left\{ g(y) + h(u) + \frac{1}{\varepsilon} (H_K(v) - (y, v)) \right\},$$

where H_K is the support function of K , i.e.,

$$H_K(v) = \sup \{(y, v) ; y \in K\}.$$

Finally, if W is a Hilbert space and $A \in L(W, W')$ satisfies the coercivity condition

$$(Ay, y) \geq w \|y\|^2 \quad \forall y \in W$$

then Theorems 1 and 2 remain valid and the optimality system (3.4)–(3.6) has the following form

$$(3.17) \quad \begin{aligned} -A^*p &\in \partial g(y^*) + \varepsilon^{-1}(\partial\varphi(y^*) - v^*), \\ 0 &\in \varepsilon p + \partial\varphi^*(v^*) - y^*, \\ B^*p &\in \partial h(u^*). \end{aligned}$$

4. EXAMPLES AND NUMERICAL TESTS

Next we shall present two one dimensional examples with numerical tests. In the first case our operator A will be a linear differential operator of order four and in the second example it will be nonlinear of order two. In both cases the operator B will be identity and the functions h and f will be identically zero.

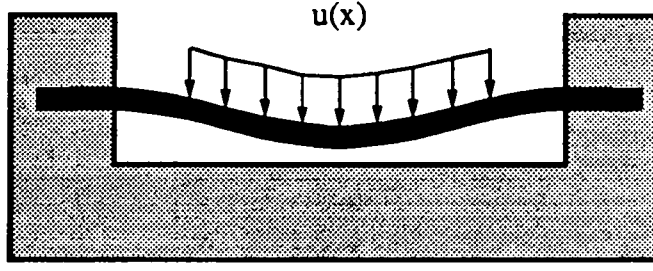


Figure 4.1.

EXAMPLE 1.

Let us consider a clamped beam the deflection of which is limited from below by a rigid obstacle described by a function q (figure 4.1). The control variable expresses the physical meaning of the load of the beam. The aim is to find a load density u in such a way that the contact between the beam and the obstacle will be maximized.

The problem can be formulated as follows

$$(P^{E_1}) \quad \text{minimize}_{u \in U_{ad}} \left\{ g(y(u)) \equiv \frac{1}{2} \int_0^1 (y(x) - q(x))^2 dx \right\},$$

subject to

$$\begin{cases} Ay + \partial\varphi(y) \ni u \\ y \in H_0^2((0,1)), \end{cases}$$

where

$$Ay = y^{(iv)} (= y''''),$$

$\varphi: V \rightarrow (-\infty, +\infty]$ is given by

$$\varphi(y) = \begin{cases} 0 & y \geq q \text{ a.e. in } (0,1) \\ +\infty & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases}$$

$$U_{ad} = \left\{ u \in L^\infty((0,1)) \mid \alpha \leq u(x) \leq \beta, \text{ a.e. in } (0,1), \int_0^1 u(x) dx = M \right\}$$

with given positive constants α , β and M .

Clearly (P^{E_1}) satisfies the conditions (i),..., (iv) of (1.1) and we have existence for the problem. Let us formulate the corresponding problem for (1.4), which can be written as follows

$$(P_\epsilon^{E_1}) \quad \begin{aligned} & \text{minimize}_{\substack{u \in U_{ad} \\ v \leq 0}} \left\{ J_\epsilon(y, v) \equiv \frac{1}{2} \int_0^1 (y(x) - q(x))^2 dx \right. \\ & \quad \left. - \frac{1}{\epsilon} \int_0^1 v(x) (y(x) - q(x)) dx \mid y \geq q \text{ a.e. } (0,1) \right\}, \end{aligned}$$

where $y(x)$ is the weak solution for the equation

$$(4.1) \quad \begin{cases} y^{iv} = u - v \\ y \in H_0^2((0, 1)). \end{cases}$$

If we apply the quadratic penalty function approach for the state constraint (i.e. we approximate the indicator function I_K with quadratic penalty function), we get

$$(P_{\varepsilon\delta}^{E_1}) \quad \begin{aligned} \underset{\substack{u \in U_{ad} \\ v \leq 0}}{\text{minimize}} \quad & \left\{ J_{\varepsilon\delta}(y, v) \equiv \frac{1}{2} \int_0^1 (y(x) - q(x))^2 dx \right. \\ & - \frac{1}{\varepsilon} \int_0^1 v(x)(y(x) - q(x)) dx \\ & \left. + \frac{1}{2\delta} \int_0^1 ([y(x) - q(x)]^-)^2 dx \right\}, \end{aligned}$$

where $y(x)$ is the weak solution of (4.1) and

$$[y(x) - q(x)]^- = \begin{cases} -(y(x) - q(x)) & , y(x) \leq q(x) \\ 0 & , y(x) > q(x). \end{cases}$$

Theorem 1 and the general optimization theory implies that the solution of $(P_{\varepsilon\delta}^{E_1})$ converges to the solution of (P^{E_1}) as $\varepsilon, \delta \rightarrow 0+$.

Let (y^*, u^*, v^*) be optimal in $(P_{\varepsilon\delta}^{E_1})$. Then the first order optimality conditions for $(P_{\varepsilon\delta}^{E_1})$ are the following

$$(4.2) \quad \begin{cases} (u - u^*, p^*)_{L^2((0,1))} \geq 0 \quad \forall u \in U_{ad}, \\ (v - v^*, y^* - q + \varepsilon p^*)_{L^2((0,1))} \leq 0 \quad \forall v \leq 0, \end{cases}$$

where p^* is the weak solution of the following adjoint equation

$$(4.3) \quad \begin{cases} p^{*iv} = y^* - q - \frac{1}{\varepsilon} v^* - \frac{1}{\delta} [y^* - q]^- \\ p^* \in H_0^2((0, 1)). \end{cases}$$

In numerical tests we have used an equidistant partition of $[0, 1]$, that is $0 = a_0 < a_1 < \dots < a_N = 1$, $a_i - a_{i-1} = h, i = 1, \dots, N$. The trapedzoidal rule have been applied for the numerical integration on each interval $[a_i, a_{i+1}]$, $i = 1, \dots, N$. The discrete function spaces for u_h , y_h and v_h are given as follows

$$\begin{aligned} U_{ad}^h &= \{u_h \in L^2([0, 1]) \mid u_h|_{[a_{i-1}, a_i]} \in P_0, i = 1, \dots, N\} \cap U_{ad}, \\ H^h &= \{y_h \in C^1((0, 1)) \mid y_h|_{[a_{i-1}, a_i]} \in P_3, y_h(0) = y_h'(0) = y_h(1) = y_h'(1) = 0\}, \\ V^h &= \{v_h \in C([0, 1]) \mid v_h|_{[a_{i-1}, a_i]} \in P_1, i = 1, \dots, N\}. \end{aligned}$$

For optimization we have used NAG-library subroutine E04UCF, which is based on the sequential quadratic programming method. The gradients for the optimization have been evaluated analytically by using the adjoint equation technique. In each test $\varepsilon = 3 \times 10^{-3}$, $\delta = 10^{-12}$, $\alpha = -12$, $\beta = 0$, $M = -3$, $q \equiv -0.001$ and the initial guess $u_i = M$ and $v_i = 0$. The test runs have been performed in HP9000/720 computer with accuracy approximately 16 decimal digits.

The next figures represents the decreasing of the cost function $J_{\varepsilon\delta}$ versus iteration steps and the optimal values of $-u_h$, v_h and y_h . The meaning of the numerical values in the figures are the following (integration means here the trapezoidal rule):

- OBJF final cost value, where the term $\frac{1}{2} \int_0^1 (y_h - q_h)^2 dx$ is multiplied by 10^6
- PENEPS final value of the term $-\frac{1}{\varepsilon} \int_0^1 v_h (y_h - q_h) dx$
- PENDEL final value of the term $\frac{1}{2\delta} \int_0^1 ([y_h - q_h]^-)^2 dx$
- ROBJF value of the term $\frac{1}{2} \int_0^1 (y_h - q_h)^2 dx$ multiplied by 10^6
- ITER number of iterations

The Figure 4.2. represents the solution with initial control u_h . The Figures 4.3., 4.7. represents the optimal solution with various discretization. In the Figures 4.8.1., 4.8.4 we see the development of the optimization with $N = 160$ (optimal solution in Fig. 4.7.).

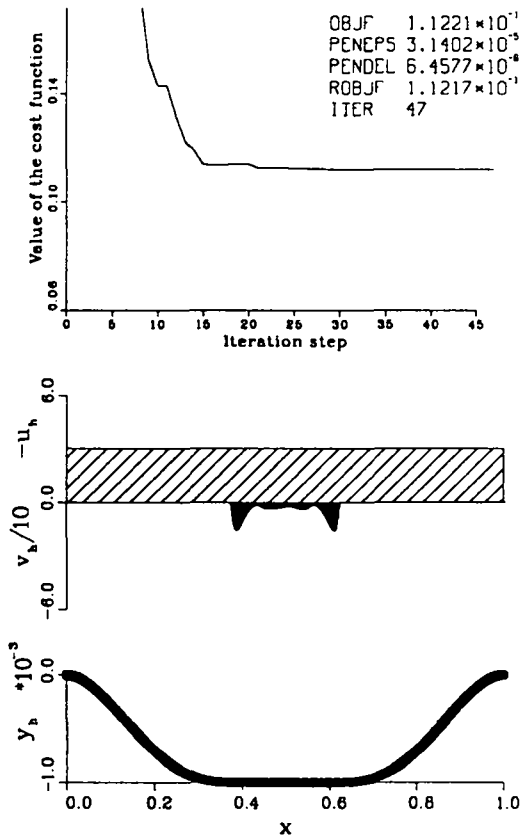


Figure 4.2. Solution with initial u and $N = 320$.

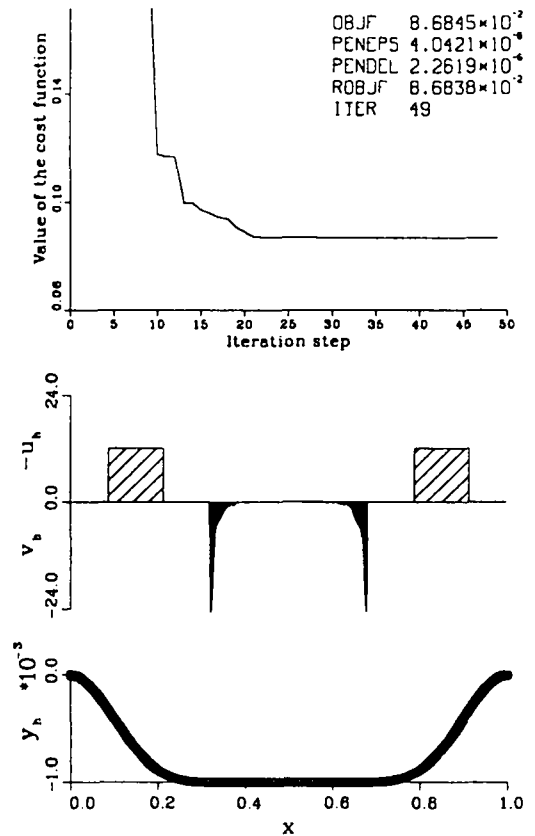


Figure 4.3. Optimal solution with $N = 320$.

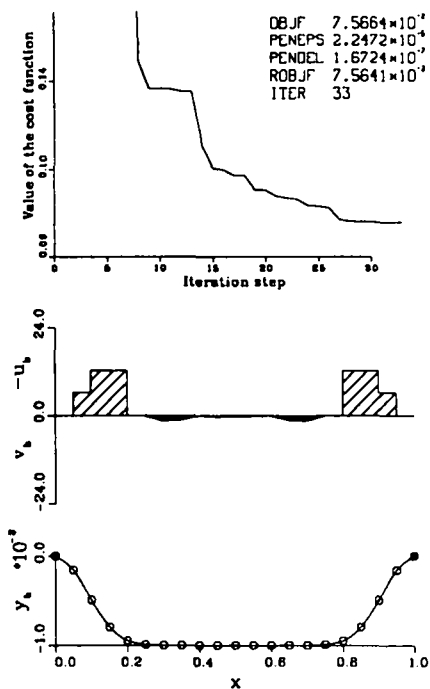


Figure 4.4. Optimal solution with $N = 20$.

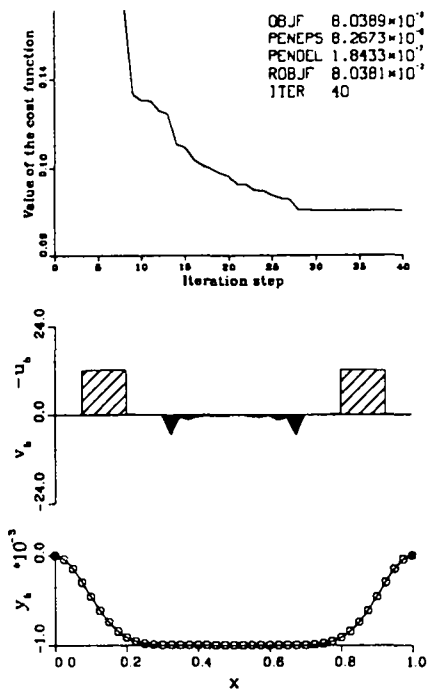


Figure 4.5. Optimal solution with $N = 40$.

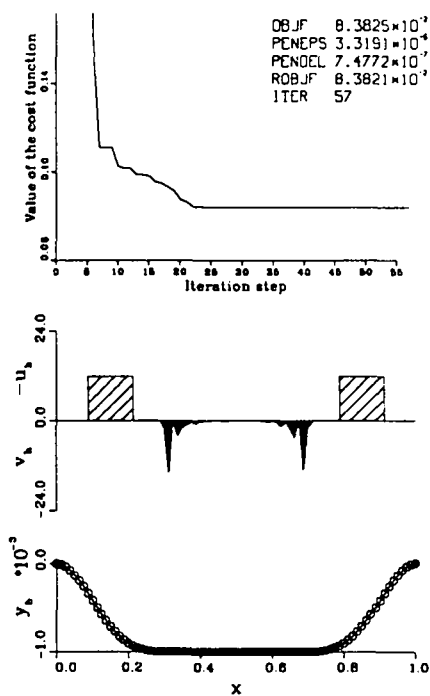


Figure 4.6. Optimal solution with $N = 80$.

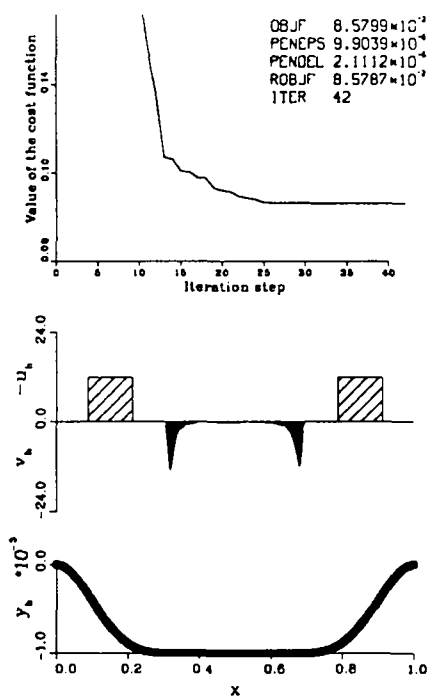


Figure 4.7. Optimal solution with $N = 160$.

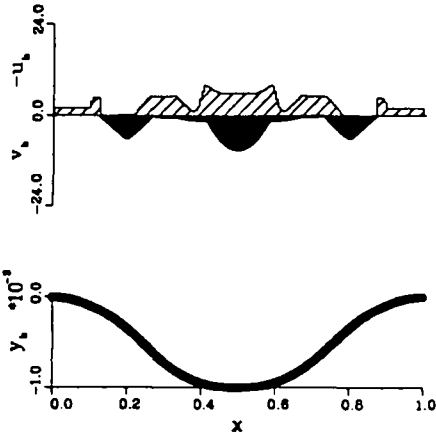


Figure 4.8.1. 10 steps $ROBJ=0.182$.

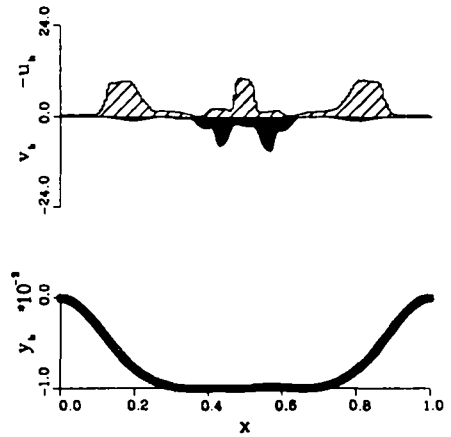


Figure 4.8.2. 15 steps $ROBJ=0.101$.

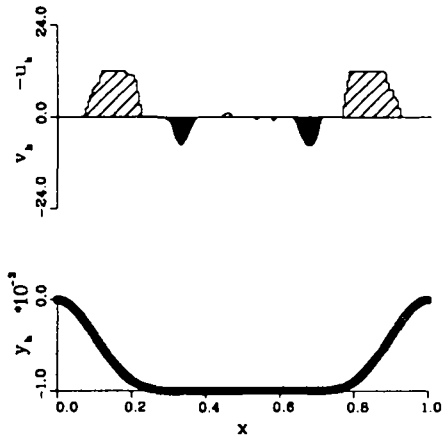


Figure 4.8.3. 25 steps $ROBJ=0.0864$.

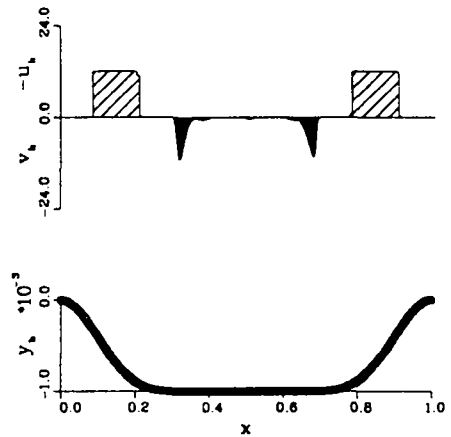


Figure 4.8.4. 35 steps $ROBJ=0.0858$.

EXAMPLE 2.

In the second example we will replace the linear operator $Ay = y^{iv}$ of the first example by the nonlinear operator $A(y) = ((y')^3 + y')'$. The example becomes then similar to the case where we have a loaded string insted of the beam (see Figure 4.9.).

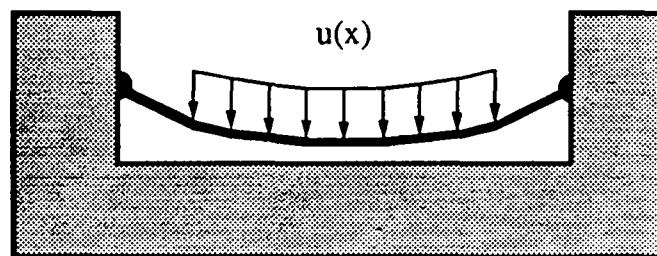


Figure 4.9.

Denoting $(y')^3 + y'$ by $a(y)$ and $q(x) \equiv \psi = \text{Const.}$ we observe that the assumptions (3.15) and (3.16) are valid and we can write the corresponding problem for $(P_{\varepsilon\delta}^{E_1})$ as follows

$$(P_{\varepsilon\delta}^{E_2}) \quad \underset{\substack{u \in U_{ad} \\ v \leq 0}}{\text{minimize}} \left\{ J_{\varepsilon\delta}(y, v) \equiv \frac{1}{2} \int_0^1 (y(x) - \psi)^2 dx \right. \\ \left. - \frac{1}{\varepsilon} \int_0^1 v(x)(y(x) - \psi) dx \right. \\ \left. + \frac{1}{2\delta} \int_0^1 ([y(x) - \psi]^-)^2 dx \right\},$$

where $y(x)$ is the variational solution for the equation

$$(4.3) \quad \begin{cases} ((y')^3 + y')' = u - v \\ y \in W_0^{1,4}((0, 1)). \end{cases}$$

and

$$U_{ad} = \left\{ u \in L^\infty((0, 1)) \mid \alpha \leq u(x) \leq \beta, \text{ a.e. in } (0, 1), \int_0^1 u(x) dx = M \right\}$$

with given positive constants α , β and M .

Let (y^*, u^*, v^*) be optimal in $(P_{\varepsilon\delta}^{E_2})$. Then according to Theorem 2 we have the following first order optimality conditions for $(P_{\varepsilon\delta}^{E_2})$

$$(4.4) \quad \begin{cases} (u - u^*, p^*)_{L^2((0,1))} \geq 0 \quad \forall u \in U_{ad}, \\ (v - v^*, y^* - \psi + \varepsilon p^*)_{L^2((0,1))} \leq 0 \quad \forall v \leq 0, \end{cases}$$

where p^* is the weak solution of the following adjoint equation

$$(4.5) \quad \begin{cases} ((3(y^{*'})^2 + 1)p^{*'})' = y^* - \psi - \frac{1}{\varepsilon}v^* - \frac{1}{\delta}[y^* - \psi]^- \\ p^* \in W_0^{1,4}((0, 1)). \end{cases}$$

In numerical tests the discrete function spaces for u_h and v_h are same as in Example 1 and the space for y_h is given as follows

$$W^h = \{y_h \in C([0, 1]) \mid y_h|_{[a_{i-1}, a_i]} \in P_1, y_h(0) = y_h(1) = 0\}.$$

Again the trapezoidal rule have been used for numerical integration. The discrete nonlinear state equation was numerically solved by using Newton -method. In each test $N = 160$, $\varepsilon = 10^{-4}$, $\delta = 0.5 * 10^{-10}$, $\beta = 0$, $M = -0.01$, $\psi = -0.001$ and the initial guess $u_i = M$ and $v_i = 0$. The next figures represents the solutions with various α (lower bound of the control).

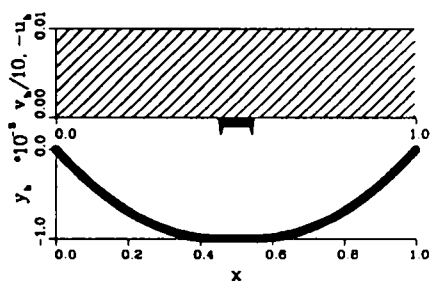
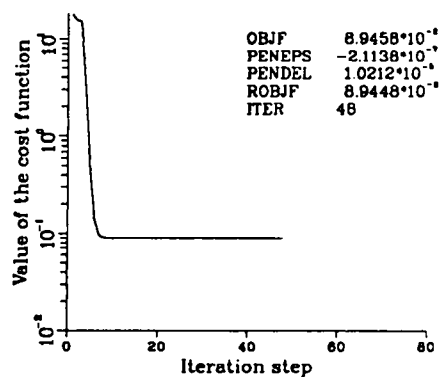


Figure 4.10. Solution with $\alpha = -0.01$.

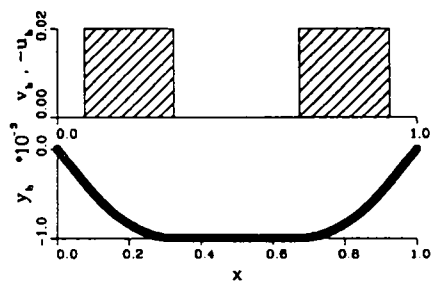
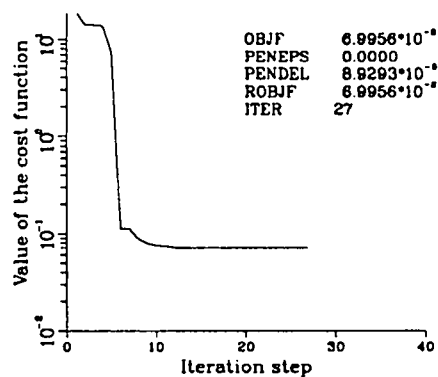


Figure 4.11. Solution with $\alpha = -0.02$.

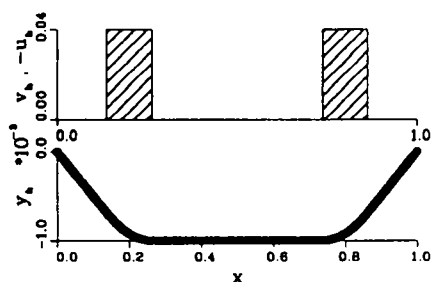
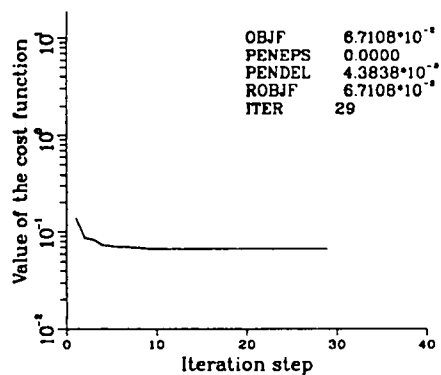


Figure 4.12. Solution with $\alpha = -0.04$.

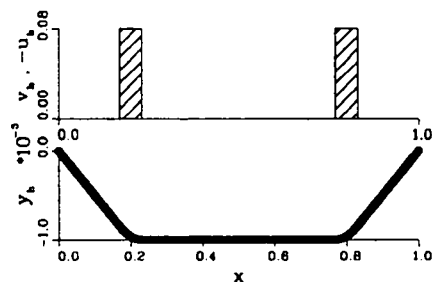
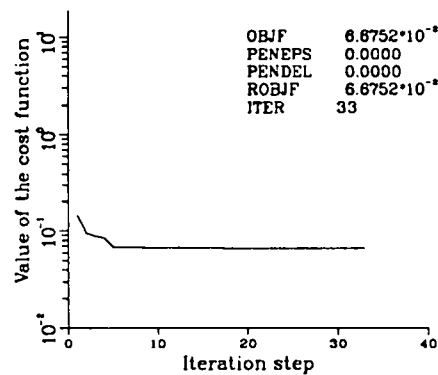


Figure 4.13. Solution with $\alpha = -0.08$.

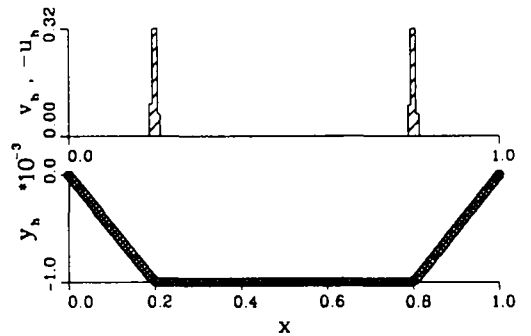
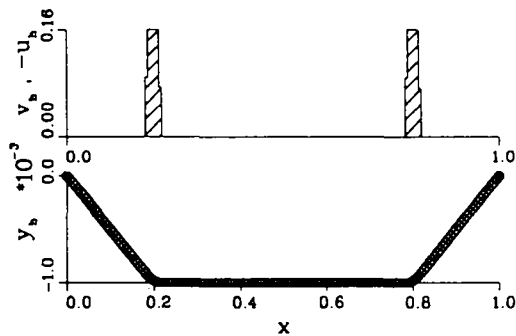
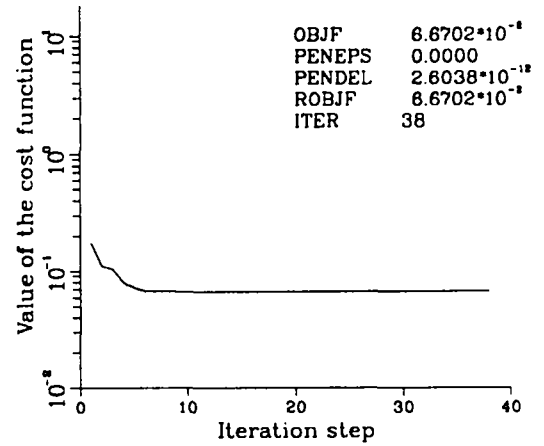
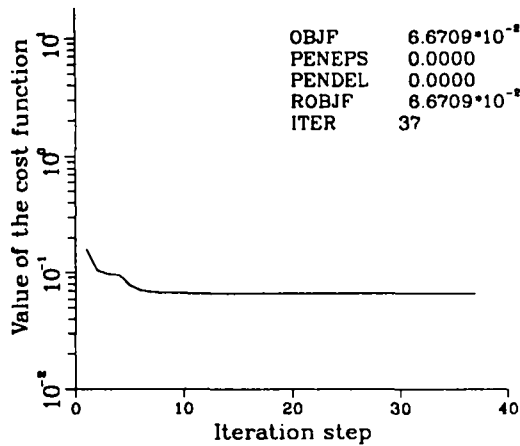


Figure 4.14. Solution with $\alpha = -0.16$.

Figure 4.15. Solution with $\alpha = -0.32$.

REMARK 1. Example 1 has been treated in [5] and [6]. In [5] the exterior penalty technique was applied to handle the state constraint and in [6] the exact penalty technique was applied.

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